

City Plans to Drill Third Well

Councilmen Defer Dam Water Idea

To add more water for ever-growing consumption for domestic purposes in Heppner, a third well to supply the city will be drilled near the mouth of Skinner creek, it was decided by the city council at its regular meeting Monday night.

At the same time the council decided not to ask for reservation of water in the proposed Willow Creek dam, for which a survey is now underway by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, at the present.

Councilmen unanimously expressed the feeling that costs involved in the latter course would be high for the benefits involved. Cost of the stored water itself would not be the major immediate factor but the necessary construction of a filtration plant would be in the neighborhood of \$100,000, it was brought out in discussions on the matter.

The Willow Creek dam water would cost the city approximately \$180,000, including interest, over a 50 year period. This would reserve 300 acre feet per year at a cost of \$8 per acre foot.

City Superintendent Vic Groshens said that the third well could be drilled and placed in operation for approximately \$3000, since the city now owns enough equipment to pump the water.

Norman Florence, owner of property on which the third well would be located, has given consent to deed land for the well to the city, Supt. Groshens said, on condition that he be allowed to use the city water for his home. It will take several months, however, to prepare for digging the well since the matter must be approved by the State Engineer and legal steps must be followed through on procuring of the deed, together with arranging for contractors. Actual drilling of the well may not be undertaken for several months with the cost included in the 1962-63 budget.

Groshens reported to the council that water consumption in Heppner has increased every year for 12 years, running to 792,000 gallons per day and to a peak of 880,000 gallons one day last summer.

An increase of 70 gallons per minute is needed at peak periods to avoid excessive draw-down of reservoirs, he said. The growing use is due to larger population but the addition of big users to the city system, such as the cemetery and the school buildings.

Groshens said that he had hopes that the new well would produce a flow of 350 gallons per minute. He pointed out that the present pipeline from the city to the first well, three miles out, must be replaced probably within 10 years and suggested a 12-inch line. If the Willow Creek dam is erected, it would cover a considerable portion of the present line and it will have to be replaced at least partially at the expense of the dam project, he said.

The superintendent said that he believes that a third "good" well would be adequate for the city's needs for some 30 years. Councilman Ed Gonty made a motion that City Attorney Jos. N. Nys draw conveyance for acquiring property from Florence for the well and that preliminary steps towards drilling the well be started.

Jack Van Winkle and Calvin Sherman appeared on behalf of 10 families who live on Condon-Heppner highway, just outside the city limits, asking for city water. It would be the plan to form a water district, and they agreed to take care of all expense of constructing mains, buying a fire hydrant and pipe, as well as provide meters and in take care of hookup charges. In a previous meeting the council had approved formation of the district, and they confirmed this approval to Van Winkle and Sherman. Water will be furnished to their homes at a charge of \$1 per month above that for users in the city.

Supt. Groshens also recommended that a concrete block house be constructed around the present well house and lift station on the water system, located on Dick Wilkinson property, to keep cattle away from the well house. The State Board of Health had informed the city that the cattle are believed to be a source of bacteria that sometimes in dry seasons brings an unfavorable report on the water's purity. The new build-

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THIS SKETCH shows what Heppner High school will look like when fully completed. Gymnasium is at right. Three levels are provided on north side of gym, with band room on lower level, dressing rooms on second level and gym balcony on top level. Present Unit A (used as grade school this year) is that part of left wing, extending left from narrow sidewalk. Vocational and electrical shop, in separate building, sits in background (left).

Bond Leaflet Printed; Election Facts Given

(See floor plans, page 6)

Brochures giving facts of the proposed \$870,000 bond issue for Morrow county school construction have been printed and are now being distributed by the Morrow County Committee for Better Schools, Dr. Wallace Wolff, chairman, states.

The leaflets show floor plans, a picture of Heppner high school and give many facts on the proposal, its effect on taxes and needs of the system. Copies of the brochure may be obtained from the office of the county school administrator, from Dr. Wolff or from the Gazette-Times office.

Floor plans of the building at Heppner, Boardman and Irrigon, are printed in this paper.

Date of the special election is Monday, February 26, from 2 to 8 p. m. and every registered voter may cast a ballot. Polling places are Heppner elementary school multipurpose room, Boardman high school, Irrigon (old high school building), Lexington school cafeteria, Ione high school, Pine City community building and Rhea Creek Grange hall, Ruggs.

Absentee voting will be permitted in the election. An absent voter is a registered school elector who will be absent from the district on the date of election, or who lives more than 15 miles from the polling place or who is physically unable to attend the election.

Those desiring absentee bal-

PTA Sets Talent Show For March 9

March 9 is the date set for the PTA Amateur Talent Show at the Heppner High school gym. Any person, of any age, with talent in the musical line, ability to present readings, skits, impersonations, pantomimes, dances, or any other type of entertainment is invited to start preparing now for the show and to enter. Prizes will be awarded winners in different age groups, including pre-school, grade school, high school and adults.

Names may be entered by contacting Mrs. Ed Dick, Mrs. Mary Bryant or Robert Hopper, PTA president. Entries are encouraged from surrounding towns, as well as Heppner.

An applause meter is expected to be in use to help determine winners in each division.

The show is being sponsored by the ways and means committee of the PTA as a benefit for the scholarship fund and other spring functions of the organization.

Sale of tickets is expected to begin at 25c for grade school students, 50c for high school students, and 75c for adults. Junior high grades have a ticket contest planned. Those selling nine tickets will get one free.

Apartment Fire Damage Heavy

Fire in an apartment house owned by N. D. Bailey at the corner of Water and Jones streets did heavy damage about 8 a. m. Thursday. The blaze broke out in an upstairs apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Lovgren and center of the fire was near a stove in the living room.

Firemen responded quickly and confined damage pretty much to the one apartment, although some smoke and water damage may be felt in other parts of the house. Fire Chief Charles Ruggles said that water was used sparingly. He credited good work of about five key men in the department with quick suppression of the blaze.

Although little structural damage was noticed walls and ceilings were burned and much of the furniture in the apartment was hurt, the chief said. The building is covered by insurance but it was not determined if contents are covered.

Year's First Grass Fire Calls Volunteers

First grass fire of the year called volunteer firemen to about a two-acre patch across the highway from the Morrow county rodeo grounds early Saturday afternoon. No damage was done and the blaze was quickly controlled.

Fire Chief Charles Ruggles, though noting this was the first grass fire of the year, said that except for January the firemen have answered at least one call to a grass fire every month since May.

Rep. Weatherford, Oliver Creswick File for Offices

A little stirring on the political scene was evident this week with the filing of Rep. Frank Weatherford of Olex as a candidate for reelection to the legislature to serve Gilliam, Sherman, Morrow, Wheeler, and Umatilla counties and with the filing of Oliver Creswick for election as Morrow county assessor.

Rep. Weatherford, Democrat, filed his candidacy Monday with the state elections division in Salem. At present he represents Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler and Morrow counties, but under the reapportionment plan that goes into effect for the coming elections, Umatilla county is included in the district.

Creswick, Republican, was appointed last year to the position of assessor to fill the unexpired term of Harry Dinges, who resigned.

Under the law, the appointment is effective only until the next election, but Dinges' term would have expired this year anyway.

Filing by the assessor was completed Monday in the office of Sadie Parrish, county clerk, by petition.

Candidates for the primary election must complete filings by March 9, Mrs. Parrish said.

Blue And Gold Banquet Slated

The Rev. Walter Smith of Lexington will be guest speaker at the annual Cub Scout Blue and Gold banquet Friday night, February 9, at 6:30 p. m. in the fair pavilion. The Rev. Smith has been involved in scouting work for many years and he will also present the awards to 45 young Cub Scouts.

Den mothers are in charge of the potluck supper and will decorate the tables and room Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. Following the awards, 30 minutes of cartoons will be shown to the youngsters while the parents are clearing things away. All Cubs, parents and families are invited. Darrell Power is Cubmaster.

Forest Meet Date Tentatively Set

Date of February 22 has been set tentatively for a meeting to discuss fire fighting and forestry problems involving State of Oregon and U. S. Forestry Service, W. S. (Sam) Miller, ranger in charge of the Heppner District U. S. Forest Service, said Wednesday.

It is expected that both Oregon and U. S. Forest Service officials will be at the meeting to discuss with logging operators and other interested persons what might be done to coordinate fire fighting activities of the two agencies.

The matter originated when O. W. Cutsforth several weeks ago brought up the matter at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, declaring that waste resulted when one agency was unable to fight fires within the jurisdiction of the other. Rep. Frank Weatherford contacted State Forester Dwight Phipps and reported to the Chamber that the latter would be willing to appear or be represented at a meeting here.

Miller said that Wright Malley, U. S. Forest Service supervisor, Pendleton, wrote him that the meeting date of February 23 at 1:30 p. m. in the circuit court room, Morrow county court house had been set tentatively for discussion of the problems, but definite word had not been received by late Wednesday.

New Apportionment Plan Favored; Petitions Due

Organization to support an initiative measure that would establish a new plan of apportionment in the state legislature was started in a meeting at Pendleton last Tuesday with representatives from eight eastern Oregon counties, including Morrow, present.

The proposal would provide senate seats from a minimum of 30 to a maximum of 35 and base apportionment on population alone. In the house, membership would be increased from 60 to 65 with one member to each of 30 representative districts established by the Constitution, consisting of 25 single county districts, four two-county districts, and one three-county district. Balance of the seats would be apportioned on the basis of a strict population formula. A guarantee would be set up to provide that population per representative could never exceed a ratio of 4 to 1. An additional representative would be apportioned to the district which exceeds this ratio.

Under the proposal Morrow would share a representative with Gilliam and Sherman coun-

ties. Under the present plan of reapportionment, in effect this year, Morrow shares with Wheeler, Gilliam, Sherman and Umatilla counties.

In the senate the district would include Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman, Morrow, Crook and Jefferson counties, thus combining with counties of similar size and interest, proponents say.

O. W. Cutsforth, who attended the meeting, said that 53,000 signatures will be necessary to place the matter on the ballot. Petitions will be out in March, and Mrs. Verner Troedson will be in charge of the distribution in Morrow county. Cutsforth said that he had agreed to distribute them in Heppner and asked cooperation of the public in signing them.

Net effect of the new bill would be that five more senators and five more members of the house would be added, Cutsforth said.

Fred Gimbel, president of the Chamber of Commerce here, said that he would call a special meeting to discuss angles of the reapportionment plan at a later date.

Final Home Tilt Friday; Ione Travels

Last home game of the regular basketball season is on tap for the Heppner Mustangs Friday night when Sherman County (Moro) comes here for a Jayvee-Varsity doubleheader with the curtain raiser at 6:30 in the Heppner High gym.

The Mustangs then travel to Moro for a return game with the Sherman County five, also with the Jayvee prelude starting at 6:30. Meanwhile, Ione's Cardinals, at the top of the Umatilla-Morrow B league with wins over Riverside and Echo over the week-end, will take to the road meeting Umatilla there Friday night and Maupin on the latter's floor Saturday night in a non-league contest.

The game with Umatilla is a crucial because each team has just lost one contest in league action. Umatilla stands one-half game behind Ione in the standings at this point by virtue of having played one less game. The Cards have a 5-1 mark and Umatilla 4-1.

After Umatilla, the only game remaining for Ione in regular season is the game with Stanfield Friday, February 16, at Ione.

Heppner will seek to even two previous losses to Moro in the week-end pair and also will be going after its fourth league win here Friday. Having lost two to Madras, it now appears that the White Buffs pretty well have the Greater Oregon western division championship sewed up.

Final games for Heppner will be against Grant Union at John Day on February 16 and 17.

Students 'Tapped' For Honor Society

Eight Heppner High school students were "tapped" for membership in the National Honor Society Monday afternoon. Six juniors and two sophomores were approached during class periods and notified of the honor by present members. They were escorted to other classes of the student body and introduced.

Chosen for the honor from the junior class were Shan Applegate, Shirley Carlson, Jacqueline Brindle, Laura Lee Sumner, Martha Doherty and Ann Jones. Sophomores inducted were Bill Sherman and Jennifer Brindle. Initiation of new members will be Monday evening, February 12, at 8:00 p. m. in the high school cafeteria. The public is extending an invitation to attend.

Requirements for the "tapping" of a student are to hold a grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better, and accepted by vote of the faculty on merits of character, leadership and service. The student must carry two-thirds of the total faculty points.

PTA Meet Moved To February 15

In keeping with the "Lights on for Education" theme throughout the nation, the Heppner PTA has moved its regularly scheduled meeting from February 14 to the 15th.

Members of the Morrow County Committee for Better Schools will present a panel discussion on the coming building bond issue.

The fourth grade room mothers will be in charge of the "Founders Day" observance.

The nominating committee will report and nominations for new officers will take place.

Principal Hillard Brown will discuss the bond issue at the Lexington PTA meeting in Lexington February 13.

Band Parents Club Sets Meeting Monday

Plans for a carnival to be staged April 14 will be made at a meeting of the Band Parents club Monday night, at 7:30, Bud Peck, president, announces. It will be in the music room of the high school gym building.

Musical numbers will be played by the sixth grade band. Committees will be appointed to start work on the carnival, the president said.



QUEEN MARLENE FETSCH

Marlene Queen Of 1962 Rodeo

Her majesty, ruler of the 1962 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, will be Queen Marlene.

Selection of Marlene Fetsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Fetsch, as queen of the rodeo was made at a meeting of the rodeo board Wednesday night. The Heppner High school junior was a princess in last year's court and is an excellent horsewoman. She is a 4-H club leader, a cheer leader at the school, member of the Girls' League, Future Business Association, Future Business Leaders of America and of Ruth Slemmons, Ralibow for Girls. Marlene also is a member of the Wranglers and of the Oregon Barrel Racing association.

Princesses for the 1962 court will be chosen by Willows Grange, the Tillicum club of Boardman, the Lena community, and the Wranglers. Marlene represented the Lexington Grange when she was chosen last year. It was reported Wednesday night that the Lexington Grange does not plan to select a princess this year.

The early selection of a queen was only one indication that the rodeo board expects this year to get its plans rolling well in advance of the event, which will be held in September 1 and 2.

Bert Huff has been named secretary-treasurer of the board to replace Max Barclay, who asked to be relieved of this duty but has been accepted as a board member, and Wes Sherman was added to be in charge of publicity. Rod Murray represents the Wranglers as an honorary member of the board.

Chairman Floyd Jones got things moving fast at this first meeting. Director Bill Smethurst was named to be in charge of the queen and court, Director

Jack Loyd will be in charge of concessions, Director Barclay will take charge of trophies and prizes, Director Fetsch of the dances, Director John Eubanks the races, and Director Gerald Swaggart the grounds.

A plan to have a carnival operate in connection with the rodeo this year was revealed. A Washington concert has been contacted to bring rides and concessions.

The board approved the matter of asking John Van Belle to bid on furnishing stock again for the rodeo and discussed the selection of an announcer and clowns for the show. Those interested will be contacted by letter. Several applications are in the hands of the board at this time.

As tentatively agreed after last year's rodeo, the parade this year will be turned over to the Chamber of Commerce. Smethurst has been in charge of this job for years and asked to be relieved last year.

General admission prices to the rodeo were set at \$1 for children and \$2 for adults. Reserved seats will be \$2.50 and three rows in the main grandstand only will be reserved. None will be in the buckaroo stand. Admission to the Saturday night show will be \$1 with children under 12 admitted free.

Director Swaggart asked that he be permitted to obtain sawdust or shavings to be used on the grounds, except for the turf, to be applied after the close of school so as not to interfere with the high school track activity. He also suggested that repairs need to be made to the grandstand and pointed out the need for a paint job.

Ex-League Head Says More Crop Cuts Coming

Additional reduction of productive capacity through another 10 per cent cut in wheat acreage allotments can be expected next year, according to Jack Smith, former president of the Oregon Wheat League, who spoke at the regular meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Controls will be placed on a unit basis to tie in and make acreage controls "work," he said.

The county is faced with a problem of surpluses and has been for the past year, declared Smith, who has spent the past three years representing the Wheat League in foreign countries and Washington, D. C. Much of the time was in Argentina.

"In the case of wheat, in the time the Commodity Credit

Corporation took over 4.2 years ago it had as much money in wheat as the grower," he said. "This pointed out the need to move out of CCC storage and do something about production."

He reiterated the prediction that there will be additional reduction next year with controls tighter.

Smith, whose home is in Condon, said it is interesting to note changes made in home communities after three years' absence.

"Our thoughts should be centered now on plans and projections for the next five years," he said. The businessman should be aware that support from the agricultural economy is starting to slip away, he said.

President Fred Gimbel was in charge of the meeting.